The teacher serves as an "emotional coach" and helps children understand their own and other's feelings.

Children learn to handle separation from families, frustration, and other strong feelings.

Children practice expressing feelings in words, and controlling their actions.

Understand and express feelings

Teachers help children learn to take turns, wait until someone else finishes, and respect another's space or projects.

Learn about getting along with other people

Conflicts arise and children learn to negotiate solutions that meet everyone 's needs.

Teachers model empathy as children learn about friendships, exclusion, and hurt feelings.

Through pretend play, children try on the

roles and perspectives of other people in

their lives.

Children learn about themselves and what they like by trying many new activities.

Develop individual, group, and cultural

Learn about rights and responsibilities

Children learn to participate in the give-and-take of group activities.

Preschoolers can help create community rules and carry out classroom "jobs."

Teachers help children explore how we are alike and different, and honor all families.

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identity

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Social-

Emotional

Development

in Preschool

With practice, children stand up for themselves and for others.

